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part of civics. The clergymen should preach also the responsibility of consumers for their purchases, of rich persons for their investments. (Exclusive Service The Survey Press

(Last week the editor of the Rocheser Times told of a successful experi-ment in that city in conducting a 'People's Sunday Evening'a forum for the discussion of all sorts of timely social questions. The following article by Mr. Brackett is a defense of the church as an inspirational force in "rousing men to love mercy and do tustion."

Justice."
Opportunities and duties of the Church in social reform are topics heard much today. For several years we have been watching the interesting services of Mr. Steizle, representing the Presbyterian Church in a ministry for laboring men. That church now has a department of immigration, under its Home Mission Board, aiming especially to get knowledge of conditions and needs of recent immigrants. The Congregational churches have a national committee on industrial organization. The Methodist Federation for Social Service has published its first leaflet, an open letter to the for Social Service has published its first leaflet, an open letter to the church on Unemployment and Relief. The American Unitarian Association has established a department of so-cial service with a secretary, for propaganda, especially to promote co-oper-ation with existing agencies for char-ity, civics and industrial advance. ity, civics and industrial advance. The last New York diocesan convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church provided a permanent social service commission with several local branches, chiefly to bring about better understanding between church and labor, employers and employes. The Federal Council of Churches recently held in Philadelphia, representing thirty-three denominations and eighten million communicants in the United States, adopted with enthusiasm a long list of resolutions for specific reforms in conditions of living and labor, for a standing commission on the bor, for a standing commission on the Social Sunday school at 12:00; Epworth League praise service at 7:15; evening worship at 7:30. Rev. M. S. Kaufmann, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Norwich, Conn., will preach morning and evening.

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church and social service. And in Eng-land, the great councils of the An-glican communion have spoken strong-ly on the duty of the church in so-At the same time with these stirring messages, comes the psychotherapeutic treatment by the Church, the so-called Emmanuel Church movement of Boston, which has roused interest everywhere, and has spread thence in practice to not a few churches.

The pastor. Preaching at 10:30 by Rev. James A. McDonald of Elwood City, Pa.; theme, "What is That in Thine Hand." Sunday school at 12:10; C. E. at 5; midweek service Wednesday at 7:45. All will be welcomed.

First Presbyterian church, State What is the meaning of all this? To

what is the meaning of all this? To what extent is it an awakening to the duty of the Church as understood by the Church's true leaders in all the ages, but not always followed? To what extent is it an answer to the plea that the Church must undertake new duties to justify itself, to answer new demands for a ministry of so-called practical service? How shall we relate all this to the modern movement for the use of special knowledge, for differentiation between professions and expert services? Here are large weighty questions calling for answer.

First Presbyterian church, State street, corner Myrtle avenue, Rev. John MacLaren Richardson, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson. Sermon topics: Morning, "The Mirror of the Lord"; evening, "The Gospel following the morning service. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 871 Lafayette street. Service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Soul." Sunday school 12:15. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open fevery week day morning from 10 to 1, and every afternoon including Sunday, from 3 to 5; also open Friday evening.

Surely, the Church should strive hard to rouse men to more interest in, and more knowledge of, industrial and so-cial conditions, to the end that ills may be done away with and progress made. As helps to this, may be mentioned special evening meetings such, for instance, as have been held in the Church of the Ascension, New York, or in Mt. Vernon Church, Boston, with addresses by judiclous persons who are familiar with conditions of living and labor, who are farvent for his back. Two weeks ago, while the labor weeks ago, while the labor weeks and the living and labor, who are familiar with conditions of living and labor, who are familiar with conditions of living and labor, who are farvent for living and labor.

Broch's Delicates of New York, or in Mt. Vernon Church, Boston, or in Mt. Vernon Church, Bo Surely, the Church should strive hard

of spreading knowledge of conditions and measures of great practical moment for the welfare of human beings. But, generally speaking, the Church should not try to become the organ of any political or industrial movement, in defining methods. It will do its part best if it rouses mento try to live religiously—to love mercy, to do justice, and to walk humbly with God. That is its particular work, which is as useful today as ever, and will be tomorrow! The clergy can find no better task than thus serving the Church inspirationally.

Said a man of much experience and thoughtfulness to the National Conference of Charities and Correction: "The evils against which we contend, and the suffering which the Conference seeks to alleviate, are due directly or indirectly to unrighteousness would do more to check their growth than all the effort in the way of benevolent work, which we are able to put forth."

There is one very practical way in which churches can often make for social advance—by joining together as a neighborhood and community social advance—by joining together as a neighborhood and community as a neighborhood and community force in a fight against manifest evil conditions, which aroused public opinion can wipe out. This has been well done, for instance, in particular localities, in opposing the existence or the spread of liquor saloons. Such cooperation may lead to a better appreciation of the value of forms of neighborhood work in which persons of all creeds and no creeds may join heartily. A good many philanthropic undertakings of individual churches might well be shifted on to that broader basis of neighborhood work. er basis of neighborhood work. Modern preventative medic

er basis of neighborhood work.

Modern preventative medicine is teaching, among many lessons, that the warfare against disease is not limited to medical men. Thus, if infant mortality is to be checked, many mothers must be interested and instructed to do their part; and further back, employers of working women must be preployers of working women must be prevented from employing them at times when the life of mother and infant may be injured by work. The campaign against tuberculosis depends largely for its success on the knowling of the man in the street and in largely for its success on the knowledge of the man in the street and in the factory. So in the grave matter of hygience of sex there is the duty of the parents, as well as of family physicians, to give proper instruction to the young. In all such matters as these, the minister has a duty in rousing the people to do their duty.

The Church can also take an important contribution to social advance in taking the right attitude, as to

portant contribution to social advance in taking the right attitude, as to charity. This is a matter which may not attract attention, but it is very practical. The Church should help to clear away all confusion from charity being thought of merely as alms material. Let a Church leave to charitable agencies co-operating the material aid for persons strangers to it; and urge parishioners to become generous givers and doers with such agencies. Let it preach the value of personal service, of indivdual efforts to share with others opportunities, knowledge and friendliness. Most of all, should the clergy strive to bring the spirit and friendliness. Most of all, should the clergy strive to bring the spirit of charity into church life. There must be less distinction between the choice pews and those who sit in them and the gallery seats, if our churches are to be indeed households of faith. Let the clergy preach on the democracy of the greatest needs; for rich and poor, educated and untutored are slike needy in the fundamental virtues of living. To help men to those fundamental virtues is after all the chief duty of the Church. By personal service in the spirit of true charity will come wider knowledge of men and more sympathy. Little tasks of service indivduals working with individuals, will inevitably lead to intelligent interest in larger efforts for so-cal advance. Charity thus becomes a

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Christ Episcopal church, Courtland street, Rev. E. J. Craft, rector—Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:15 p. m.; evening prayer 7:30.

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First Congregational church, corner Broad and Bank streets, Rev. John De-Peu, pastor. Church closed. The congregation are cordially invited to unite with the South church.

King's Highway Congregational church, Spring street near Noble ave-nue, Rev. P. E. Mathias, pastor. Services: Holy Communion and reception of members 10:45; Sunday school 12:15; C. E. 6:30; preaching 7:30. Evening subject, "Life's Ills and Their Cure." During the morning service there will be an address to boys and girls.

St. Luke's Episcopal church, Strat-ford avenue cor Sixth street. Morn-ing service 10:30; Sunday school 12:15; evening service 7:30. Rev. John C. France, rector.

People's Presbyterian church, 62 Can non street, Rev. H. A. Davenport, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 by Rev. James A. McDonald of Elwood City,

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